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Re: Application of:

Angelo BEATI et al.

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A NUCLEAR FUEL ASSEMBLY INCLUDING A

LATTICE REINFORCING DEVICE, AND THE USE OF

SUCH A DEVICE IN A NUCLEAR FUEL ASSEMBLY

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2009 applicants hereby request reconsideration of the application based on the following remarks.